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In re Patent Application:

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For: ELECTRONIC NEWS SYSTEM AND RECORDING MEDIUM TO BE USED THEREFOR

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Amendment comes in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2001, with a period for response set to expire on December 26, 2001.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. No new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE the claims as follows:

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) An electronic news system for managing an electronic message and a reply to said message, comprising:

storage means for storing data for a fixed form reply, stored separately from the electronic message;

output means for outputting the message with said data for a reply to the message, said data for a reply independent of the message; and

control means for accepting only a selection out of the outputted data for a reply as the reply to the message.

4. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) an electronic news system including a client apparatus